

## **RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1510**

### **A resolution recognizing Representative Beth Harwell for her 30 years of public service in the Tennessee General Assembly.**

WHEREAS, Representative Beth Harwell is a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives and has represented District 56 since 1988; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Representative Harwell made history as the first female elected Speaker of the House in Tennessee history; and

WHEREAS, prior to her election as Speaker of the House, Speaker Harwell served as Chair of the House Commerce Committee and as House Republican Caucus Whip; and

WHEREAS, throughout her time in the General Assembly, Speaker Harwell has been a strong advocate for education, welfare reform, children's issues, tougher sexual abuse laws, and victims' rights; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Harwell has sponsored the "Families First" legislation that enacted Tennessee's current welfare reform program and the "Children's Act for Clean Indoor Air" to keep children safe from the deleterious effects of second hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Speaker Harwell has significantly impacted Tennessee's education system through legislation and also worked to pass legislation to direct additional funds for improvement of training for day care workers; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Harwell has received numerous awards during her time in the State House, including the Harold Bradley Legislative Leadership Award, the American Cancer Society Legislative Leadership Award, the 2013 Conservation Legislator Award, Champion for Children Award, and the Junior League 2012 Legislator of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Harwell received her Bachelor of Arts degree from David Lipscomb University, a Master of Science degree from George Peabody College, and a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University, and has also been an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Harwell is also active in her community as a member of the Tennessee State Museum Foundation, the Lipscomb University Advisory Council, the Montgomery Bell Academy Board, the Mental Health Association of Middle Tennessee, the National Foundation for Women Legislators, and the Nashville Children's Theater Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognize Representative Beth Harwell for her outstanding career in the Tennessee General Assembly, and for her many years of faithful public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing Representative Beth Harwell for her 30 years of public service in the Tennessee General Assembly.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented to Representative Beth Harwell.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

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